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Suspect nabbed in 'unprovoked' attack

A 21-year-old Lynn man was arrested yesterday morning for allegedly fatally stabbing another man after the two crossed paths while riding an MBTA bus in Roxbury.

Jahvon Goodwin, formerly of Boston, pleaded not guilty to murder yesterday in Roxbury District Court. He was ordered held and sent for a mental health evaluation, according to the Suffolk district attorney's office. His bail on a pending case, charging him with assault and battery on a public employee, was revoked. The courthouse is within sight of where the deadly incident took place Aug. 15.

Authorities said Goodwin and 24-year-old Rashad Lesley-Barnes of Dorchester were riding a Route 23 bus that afternoon. The attack, authorities said, was "unprovoked."

When the men got off of the bus, Goodwin allegedly stabbed Lesley-Barnes multiple times.

Police said they were led to Goodwin after they received information and conducted interviews. Police had previously released surveillance images from the bus in an attempt to locate a suspect.

Police also thanked community members for their assistance in the arrest. METRO

"Commissioner [Ed] Davis also thanks ... the community for coming forward with tips and information [that] helped make the difference in this case."
POLICE, IN A STATEMENT

In the news

400+

The number of cases of whooping cough in the state have increased to above 400 so far this year. That number is three times the amount of cases reported over the same period last year, state health officials said. Officials believe reporting and awareness could be up or new vaccines may not be as productive in the long-term.
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Today's local tweet

"Someone needs to tell this lady beside me that we use our inside voice on the #mbta when responding to the voices in our head."
@APRILLBRANDON'S PATIENCE IS RUNNING LOW

▶ Bacai

Fifth suspect in beating still sought

BOSTON. Police yesterday said they hoping to track down Ivan Bacai, 23, of Malden, who they suspect is connected to the "inexplicable beating" of a 40-year-old disabled man at Downtown Crossing station earlier this week. Four other suspects have been arrested in the case. Germial Johnson, 28, of Boston turned himself in to police yesterday and Maryanne Hamilton, 29, of Jamaica Plain was held on $4,500 cash bail at her arraignment. Two other suspects were arraigned Tuesday. METRO

Man held for alleged needle threat

BOSTON. A Hyde Park man who allegedly threatened two men at Forest Hills station with what he said was an AIDS-infected needle was held on $2,500 bail yesterday. Jose Soler, 47, was charged with two counts of armed robbery and assault with a hypodermic needle, according to the Suffolk DA. Police said the victims, who are both under 21, gave Soler $25 to buy them alcohol. When he returned empty-handed, an argument ensued — and Soler allegedly used the needle to draw his own blood and then threatened the victims with it, indicating he had AIDS. METRO

Happy 115 B-day, T: You don't look a day over 110

Saturday marks 115 years since Boston's first subway opened ◐ Riders and MBTA officials share birthday wishes ◐ Plus, T will get small present

NICOLAUS CZARNECKI/METRO

▶ What will it be for the T? More AC? Fewer delays? Close your eyes and make a wish.

The T, and its riders, to get a birthday gift

MBTA acting General Manager Jonathon Davis said that MBTA officials on Saturday plan to unveil new countdown signs on the Red Line at Park Street station in celebration of the 115th birthday.

"It has been warmly received by our customers," said Davis of the signs, which were introduced at South Station earlier this month.

The Hub's rapid transit system is the oldest and fourth-largest in the United States, so in light of its 115th birthday Saturday, Metro thought it was appropriate to mark the occasion with a cake, and a question: "What is your birthday wish for the MBTA?"

MBTA Acting General Manager Jonathon Davis said he had a couple.

"Adequate funding to continue to provide vital service, and also, the funding necessary to bring the system up to a state of good repair," he said.

While money in a card is a timeless birthday gift standby, Davis has another, more sentimental T birthday wish.

"The one thing I really want to see is continued ridership growth," Davis said.

If the numbers continue to climb, Davis may get his wish: June marked the 17th consecutive month of increased ridership.

A century and a decade and five years later

- **The Tremont Street Subway opened for business on Sept. 1, 1897**, and now forms the central part of the Green Line, connecting the Boylston Street station to Park Street and Government Center.
- **The Green Line tunnel is the oldest in North America** and was originally built as a tunnel to get streetcar lines off the streets.
- **Originally, it was privately owned by the West End Street Railway**; later it was owned by the Boston Elevated Railway.
- **Public ownership began in 1947** with the Metropolitan Transit Authority, which has now become the MBTA.

Quoted

"I wish the Green Line would work better. It is kind of notorious for sucking, like frequent stops and disabled trains."
GREEN LINE RIDER ALYSSA HEAVEY

Intrigued with what other birthday wishes were out there for the T, Metro hit the stations — cake in hand — to hear firsthand what riders had to say.

"I wish the Green Line would work better. It is kind of notorious for sucking, like frequent stops and disabled trains," said Alyssa Heavey.

One T rider, who would only give his name as Nick, had a unique wish: "I wish they would check the volume more, like when the guy is saying 'Harvard next,' and 'doors open on the right,' it's usually really loud. It's awful."

Markus Elasquez just wants better air conditioning.

"It's hot, mostly on the platforms. Trains have AC ... sometimes," he said.

Others have so much love for the T, they'd like more of it.

"I would like to see the Red Line go past Braintree and into Marshfield," said Danny Dodello. "I know a lot of people come up to Boston from down there."

As Kelsey Thurbur stood leaning against a pillar at Park Station, she said she had one big wish for the T's looming birthday.

"No more Green Line — it's just awful, unreliable. If they replaced it, or at least added more cars, that would be great."

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New state gaming commission tours Eastie racetrack

Suffolk Downs officials highlight safety record, procedures Track owners hoping for casino license

MICHAEL NAUGHTON/METRO

▶ Commission Chairman Stephen Crosby, center, called Suffolk Downs a "great facility."

As with the sport of horse racing, Suffolk Downs has been through some changes and is well beyond its glory days.

The stands and outdoor picnic tables at the 77-year-old track that straddles East Boston and Revere were sparsely filled yesterday, mostly with elderly couples. Blue trash barrels were set up under water-stained drop ceiling tiles in one area of a concourse. And, walking up to the club entrance yesterday afternoon, one couldn't help but hear a woman jump out of an idling car and shout to a man standing nearby: "I want to cash in my ring. I'm never going to wear it!"

The facility was viewed by the five members of the newly formed Massachusetts Gaming Commission yesterday who were led on a tour of the track by Suffolk Downs CEO Chip Tuttle.

The commissioners have toured all three of the state's racetracks after the board assumed regulatory authority over the horse racing industry.

Yesterday, the message from track officials seemed to be that they were doing the best they can with what they have and that the facility could be a gem again.

While yesterday's atmosphere was a stark contrast to the $1 billion glass resort casino and horse racing facility that was proposed for the site earlier this year by Caesars Entertainment and Suffolk Downs, commission chairman Stephen Crosby said it was a "great facility."

600+
Hundreds of people make the trip to Suffolk Downs each weekday, officials said. The amount of weekday visitors can range between 600 and 800.

"It's a wonderful place to soak up the atmosphere, never mind the horse racing," said Crosby, who had visited the facility before yesterday's tour — but not for years.

While Tuttle told the commissioners about the generations of employees who have worked to maintain the facility and the track's safety accreditation, he also said the facility has changed as the popularity of horse racing has decreased.

He said that while the facility's weekday crowds are older and smaller, the weekend crowd picks up.

"On Saturday it looks a little more like a game at Fenway Park. The crowd is a little younger, there are more females and it's more family-oriented," Tuttle said.

Yesterday's tour was not meant to pitch the commission on the casino plans, but to give them a better understanding of current racing operations.

However, the topic of casino gambling could not be avoided.

"As casino gaming has gone from two states — Nevada and New Jersey — 25 years ago to 39 states, it has had a negative effect on horse racing," Tuttle said.

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Police seek cars, crash witnesses

WELLESLEY. Police are asking for the public's help to locate potential witnesses to a fatal bicycle crash last week.

Wellesley police released traffic camera footage of cars traveling in the area of Weston Road about 2 p.m. Aug. 24. The crash at that time killed 41-year-old Alexander Motsenigos, who

▶ Have you seen this car?

was riding his bicycle. Police said they have talked to the driver of an 18-wheel dump trailer who was believed to be involved in the crash. METRO

Abuse claims force out police chief

NEWTON. Mayor Setti Warren said yesterday that he is seeking to remove Chief Matthew Cummings and placed him on leave, according to NECN.

Warren said he received a report from an investigator that said Cummings verbally abused and kicked his secretary. METRO

GOP vows to transform President Obama's US via less government

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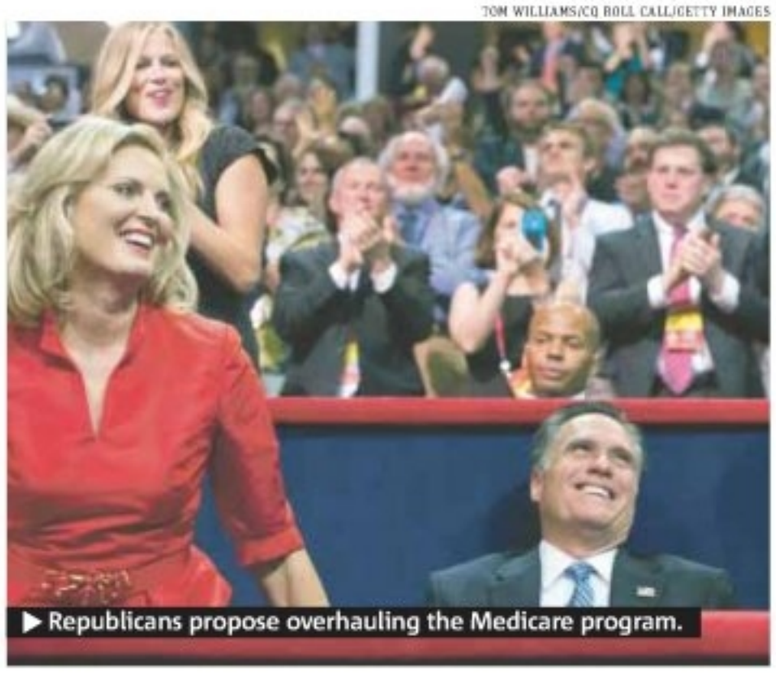

▶ Republicans propose overhauling the Medicare program.

The Republican Party platform promises to replace what it criticizes as President Barack Obama's debt-swollen entitlement society with "a roaring job market to match a roaring economy."

The platform reflects the influence of presidential candidate Mitt Romney, offering as the remedy for the nation's economic ills a familiar recipe of low taxes, light regulation, expanded oil drilling and free enterprise. It vows to reduce personal and corporate taxes, repeal Obama's health-care law, promote small businesses and avoid taxpayer bailouts of troubled financial institutions.

The 62-page road map, approved by a voice vote of the delegates yesterday at the party's national convention in Tampa, Fla., promotes expanded trade and accuses the Obama administration of "a virtual surrender" to commercial rival China. The Asian country is stealing American trade secrets, manipulating its currency to make its exports cheaper and hampering U.S. firms trying to sell to Chinese customers, the Republicans say.

Republicans call for banks to be "well capitalized" and pledge to repeal the 2010 Dodd-Frank financial-regulation law.

Along with economic policy shifts, the Republicans vow to transform the size and scope of government. **BLOOMBERG**

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▶ National Security Council spokesman Tommy Vietor declined comment on the book.

Navy SEAL's book gives different account of bin Laden death

A U.S. Navy SEAL who has authored a first-hand account of the raid that killed Osama bin Laden says the al Qaeda leader was shot in the head as he peeked from a bedroom door, an account that diverges from the Obama administration's original description of the raid.

The book, "No Easy Day," due to be published Sept. 4, says bin Laden was unarmed when Navy SEALs found him during the raid on his Pakistan compound, according to a source who read the book.

The author, writing under the pseudonym "Mark Owen," says bin Laden was looking out from his bedroom door when he was shot in the head, said the source, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

In the hours after the raid, White House counter-terrorism adviser John Brennan had originally said that bin Laden "was engaged in a firefight" with the Navy SEALs. **REUTERS**

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Hurricane Isaac drenches US Gulf Coast, tests New Orleans

Floodwater from Hurricane Isaac jumped a levee on the outskirts of New Orleans on Wednesday, but the multibillion-dollar barriers built to protect the city itself after the 2005 Katrina disaster were not breached, officials said.

The lumbering Category 1 hurricane was lashing the Gulf Coast, threatening to flood towns in Mississippi and Louisiana with a deluge of rain, storm surges of up to 12 feet and top sustained winds up to 75 miles per hour.

With the storm nearly stalled, rainfall accumulations totaling as much as 20 inches in some areas were expected.

"There are no risks. It is holding exactly as we expected it to and is performing exactly as it should. There are no people on rooftops from flooding that even approximates what happened during Katrina," New Orleans Mayor Mitchell Landrieu said.

Police and National Guard units, many wielding automatic assault rifles, patrolled the virtually empty downtown quarter of the port city, which normally hums with tourists drawn to its jazz bars, Creole cuisine and French colonial architecture.

Tree limbs and street signs littered the streets and power was cut intermittently throughout the city, but authorities reported no security problems. **REUTERS**

75

Storm surges of up to 12 feet and top sustained winds up to 75 miles per hour

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▶ Hurricane Isaac was wobbling northwestward at about 6 mph, a slow pace that increases the threat of rain-induced flooding.

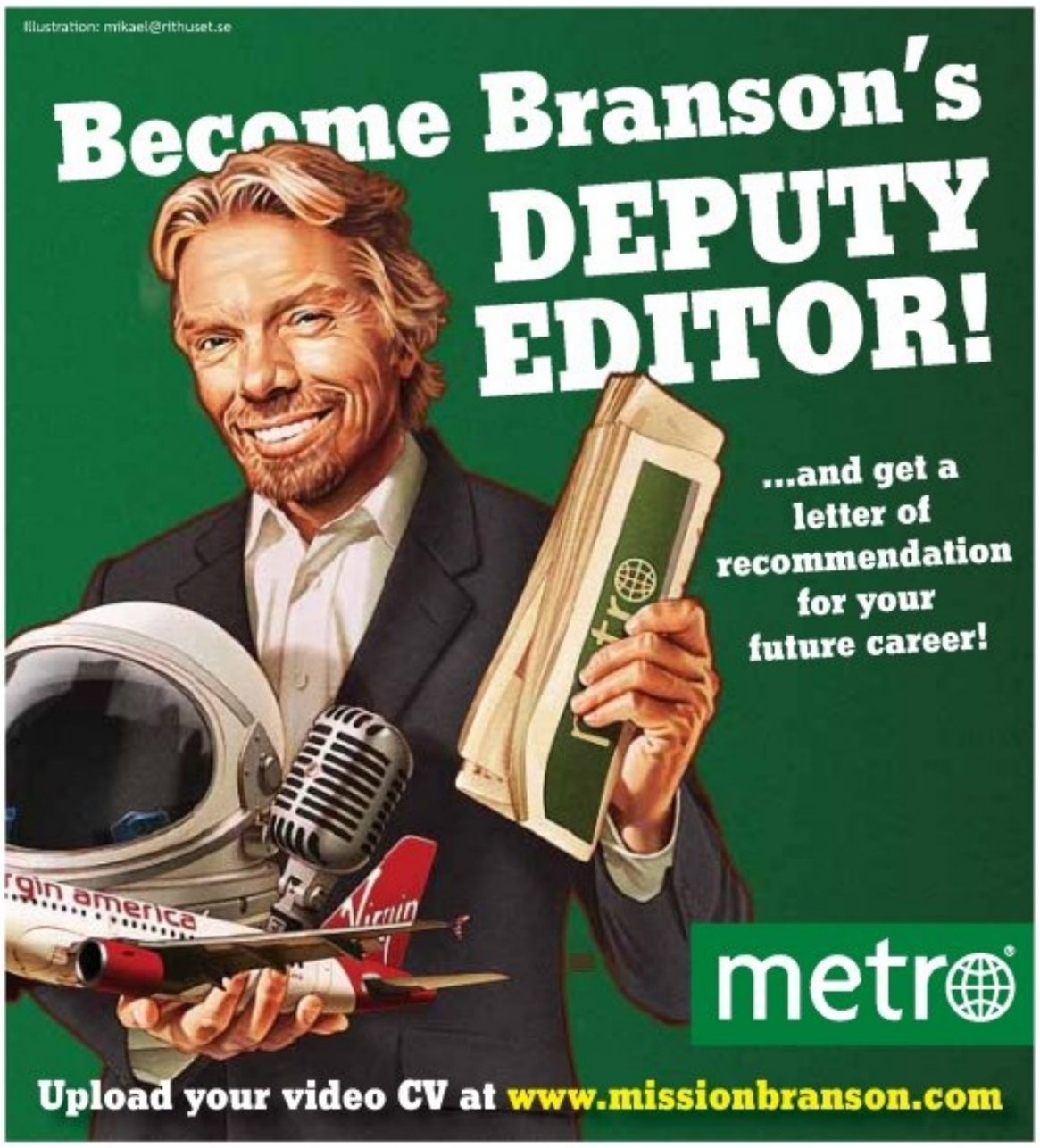
Oil lower as offshore damage limited

Brent crude prices edged lower in choppy trading on Wednesday, while U.S. oil futures fell on expectations that damage from Hurricane Isaac to oil production will be limited and in reaction to data showing a sharp rise in U.S. crude oil stocks.

Brent crude losses were tempered by upcoming North Sea maintenance, the ongoing turmoil in the Middle East and the possibility of a strike by Norwegian oil service sector workers.

Technical support was a factor, with Brent's pull back stalling 2 cents above its 200-day moving average of $111.48 a barrel.

Hurricane Isaac drove water over the top of a levee on the outskirts of New Orleans, but the barriers built to protect the city itself after Katrina were not breached, officials said. **REUTERS**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THE WORD

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Lohan is having a bad week, even for Lohan

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▶ Linds, we really hope this wasn't from the mini bar.

Lindsay Lohan almost had a good day yesterday. After it looked like she was all but headed back to jail for swiping $100,000 worth of jewelry at a house party, the L.A. County District Attorney decided not to prosecute her. Unfortunately, the Chateau Marmont — the swanky hotel she's called home since May — decided to kick her out.

In an eviction notice obtained by TMZ, general manager **Philip Pavel** takes issue with the $46,350 bill the actress has managed to rack up. "As we have made repeated attempts to resolve this pressing matter over the last few weeks without any resolute, I regret to inform you that we will no longer be able to extend any further credit for you to remain in the hotel," he writes.

Pavel goes on to add a little comedic flair: "I have adjusted off the daily $75 charge for computer rental for use of the hotel's laptop as a gesture of good faith, with the understanding that you will return the computer."

Also included with the letter is an itemized invoice of the charges, including $686 for cigarettes (to be fair, they were charging her $14 a pack) and $100 for a "Chateau Candle" — which we certainly hope is code for something much more exciting than a candle.

Charlie Sheen settling in for the long haul

Charlie Sheen's new sitcom, "Anger Management," received a 90-episode order from FX, it was announced yesterday.

The show certainly earned its renewal: "Anger Management" was the highest-rated new comedy series on cable, averaging an impressive 4.53 million viewers.

That means there's a lot of you we need declare dead to us. Yet, we're strangely comfortable with it.

Bad move, Pattinson

Robert Pattinson moved out of the posh L.A. mansion he shared with **Kristen Stewart** immediately after she admitted to cheating on him with director **Rupert Sanders**. Now, he's preparing to sell the house — as plenty of his famous neighbors take huge losses on their properties — because "there are too many memories," a source tells Us Weekly.

Robert Pattinson, are you listening to yourself? You sound like a straight-to-DVD **Drew Barrymore** movie. There are plenty of ways to girlfriend-exterminate an L.A. mansion — give our boy **Prince Harry** a call.

Pattinson

Talking points

Suri Cruise set with 'sizable' trust fund

While **Katie Holmes** will reportedly be getting $4.8 million in child support payments until **Suri Cruise** turns 18, the little girl herself stands to fare much better from her parents' divorce, according to Radar Online, as Holmes reportedly insisted that Tom Cruise set up a trust fund for Suri as part of the settlement. "It's a sizable trust fund, but Suri won't be able to fully legally claim it until she is in her 30s," a source tells the site. "Tom had no problem with the request and planned on doing it for Suri anyway."

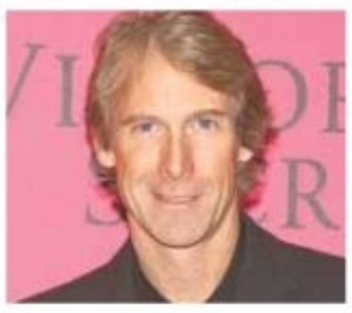
Is Swift about to be a Kennedy?

Taylor Swift has spent her summer dating **Conor Kennedy**, the 18-year-old grandson of **Bobby Kennedy**, and she's reportedly so smitten with him that she can't stand for them to be apart. Swift recently returned to Nashville for work and, barely a week later, flew Kennedy down on a private jet to join her because she "missed Conor so much," according to Page Six. "Things have become so serious between them so fast that no one would be surprised if they eloped," says a source.

Oprah remains the highest-paid celeb

Oprah Winfrey has retained her spot atop Forbes magazine's list of highest-paid celebrities, pulling in a reported $165 million between May 2011 and May 2012. That's $125 million less than she made the previous year, but still enough to help her beat out **Michael Bay**, who comes in at No. 2 with $160 million. **Steven Spielberg** is third with $130 million, **Jerry Bruckheimer** is fourth with $115 million and **Dr. Dre** rounds out the top five with $110 million.

1. Oprah: $165M



2. Bay: $160M

3. Spielberg $130M

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5. Dre: $110M

The feed ...

▶ Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

@birbigs (Mike Birbiglia)
How did airlines trick us into putting our own bags onto the belt?

@Joan_Rivers
The Ukraine says SpongeBob SquarePants is gay, and wants him banned. I bet they also think Peppermint Patty just hasn't met the right guy.

@rihanna
It's 430 am and I'm up like an idiot! Can't sleep! Whyyyyyyy????!!! .

@SteveMartinToGo
Going to sue Samsung for taking my idea of a talking thing the size of a pack of playing cards I had when I was eleven. Updates coming.

@michaelianblack
Any celebrities who are thinking of dying soon, please befriend me so I can relate a moving and humorous anecdote when you pass.

Rihanna

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Looking back on Venice

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Now in its 69th year, the Venice Film Festival has no trouble attracting international stars to its posh premieres and swanky after-parties. But a few decades ago? Those were some tickets we really wish we'd nabbed.

▶ Yes, Ernest Hemingway was at the film fest in 1954. And yes, he was drinking vodka from the bottle with a bandaged arm in what we think are pajamas.

▶ Paul Newman in 1963: No one has even attempted this degree of pure swagger since.

▶ Kirk Douglas gave an impromptu autograph in 1953.

▶ In 1961, Salvador Dali arrived to the festival in plenty of style.

▶ Sophia Loren struck the pose of all poses in 1955.

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‘I don’t let myself look that bad’

Ira Glass talks about collaborating with Mike Birbiglia on ‘Sleepwalk with Me’ and the nature of humor that exposes all of one’s faults

Ira Glass is sitting upstairs at the Somerville Theatre, while “Sleepwalk With Me,” screens to a packed cinema below. As this is the first movie Glass has ever co-written, does it pain him to not be in the audience?

“It does, actually,” he says, putting his hand to his chin.

“Sleepwalk with Me” is the brainchild of comedian Mike Birbiglia, a frequent guest on the radio show and podcast that Glass hosts, “This American Life.” Birbiglia is known for his willingness to incriminate himself with his humorously humiliating stories. Would Glass ever do something like this? Maybe.

“The character who I play on the radio is a part of myself that is honest, but I’m presenting so many other people’s things,” he says. “And I don’t let myself look that bad, because I’m being a reporter and sometimes being a hardcore reporter, it seems weird to be that way it’s a job doing an interview,” he speaks quickly, joking that he’s snapping, before he settles into a more truthful answer. “You want to be honest and say things worth printing — like it’s good karma to be a good interviewee — I feel like I experience the interviews too much as a reporter. I try not to repeat anything that I said to a different reporter.”

Glass, right, on Birbiglia: “He’s a big includer.”
“Sleepwalk With Me” is in theaters tomorrow.

Interviewer as interviewee

As a reporter so accustomed to interviewing, it must be a luxury to be the one *being* interviewed? For Glass, not quite.

“No, it’s not a luxury! It’s a job being interviewed in the same naked. Maybe that’s a failure of imagination; maybe I could do it more.”

Glass says whether or not he does change gears and starts to tell more revealing stories from his personal life, his collaboration with Birbiglia has definitely been inspirational.

“He’s a big includer,” he says of the comedian. “He at some point told me his theory that running the set was going to be like running the student council in Shrewsbury and that like, he’d go from person to person and make jokes and make them feel good about being there.”

Quoted:
“It seems weird to be that naked.”
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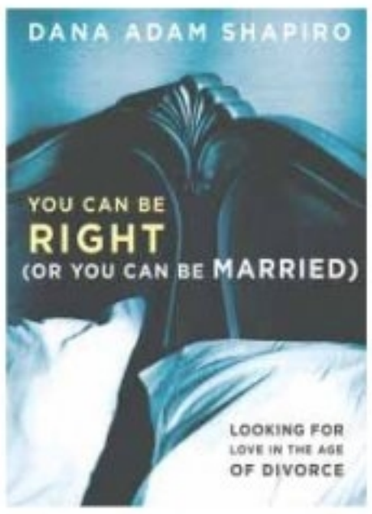
Lessons from divorcees

A new crowd-sourced book offers the wisdom gained from those who have loved and lost in matrimony

The Dana Adam Shapiro of a few years ago would not have ordered a steak while out on a first date with a vegetarian. But after spending years interviewing divorcees for his new book "You Can Be Right or You Can Be Married" (on sale Sept. 4), the Shapiro of today would order of a juicy slab of meat as a changed man.

"That was a very tangible effect of the book," he admits. "So much of the dating process is theatrical. ... You're sort of auditioning, and when you're doing so, you're not really being yourself. ... The inevitability is that your real self is going to come through, so you better do it sooner rather than later."

This is just one of the lessons the author took away in the writing of his book. He interviewed dozens of anonymous divorcees who offered unvarnished accounts of their



own heartbreak. From there, he extracted a few near-universal truths that he offers to Metro readers:

1 Cheating happens because of complacency: "[Divorce happens when] people aren't putting that effort in any more," Shapiro observes. "That's probably the worst thing you can do. You really do just have to re-earn it all the time."

2 We often expect problems to solve themselves: "One woman said to me, 'A man marries a woman hoping that she won't change and a woman marries a man hoping he will change — and he doesn't,'" Shapiro says. "We bury a lot of the problems in the hopes that they'll just get better."

3 There is such a thing as compromising too much: "I think a lot of people try to be the ideal spouse, but sometimes it's at their own expense," he adds. "You wake up 10 years later thinking, 'I'm not me anymore.'"

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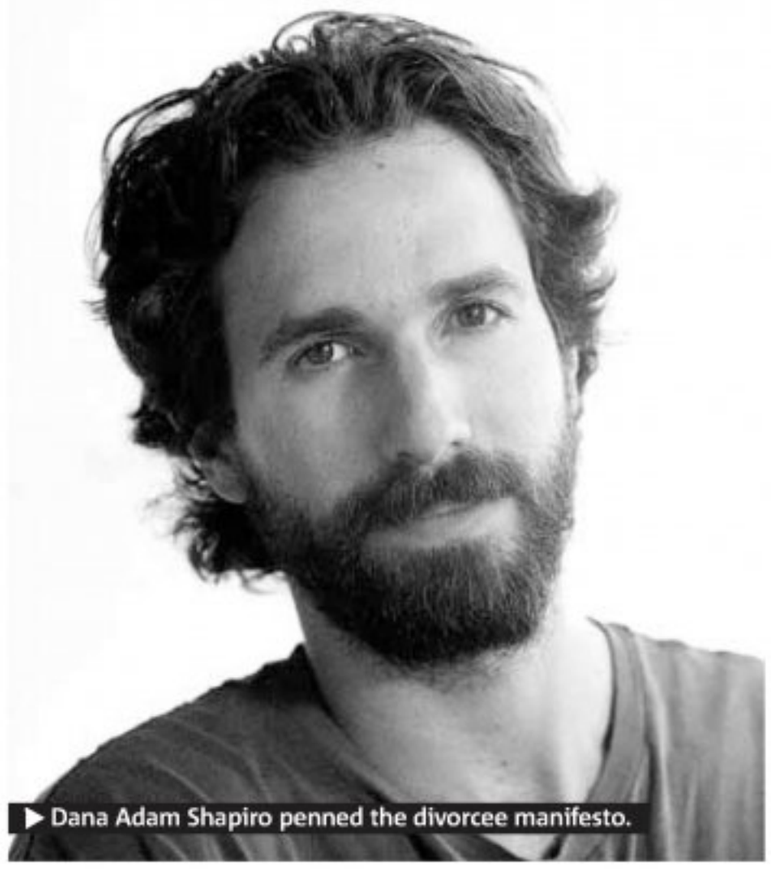

Dana Adam Shapiro penned the divorcee manifesto.

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The 'PC police' live inside of your head

RE: "SOCIAL CENSORING: WACK OR 'PC'?" (METRO, AUG. 28) I am rather puzzled by Mr. Sharpe's contention that we as a society are increasingly in thrall to some menacing PC dictatorship. Who exactly is this "one group" dictating "what is and what is not acceptable opinion" and how is this control being exercised? You do realize, Mr. Sharpe, that the "PC police" isn't actually a thing, right? In point of fact you are quite free to express your opinions as you see fit and others are equally free to disagree with or take exception to them. You surely don't believe that it is only your side of this exchange that has freedom of expression? Because it certainly sounds like you're saying: I should be free to say whatever I want, and others should not be free to not like it.

CATHERINE VITTORIO, VIA E-MAIL

Some critics melt a little slower

RE: "GLOBAL WARNING: ARCTIC ICE RETREATS TO RECORD LOW" (METRO, AUG. 29) It's doubtful that Arctic sea ice is at a record low. The widely trumpeted assertion that the current Arctic ice extent is at a record low is based on single-source satellite data from the NSIDC, and this is an older technology. But the NSIDC also has a new and improved "multisource" data product which does not indicate record-low ice levels. Arctic sea ice is also measured by NOAA through IMS and NATICE systems, neither of which shows record lows, either. As far as global warming being the culprit behind lower-than-normal Arctic sea ice this summer, how does that explain the fact that Antarctic ice is currently at higher-than-normal levels? Or that just last winter, Arctic sea ice was nearly at a record high?

RON SHELTON, VIA E-MAIL

CEOs only care about bottom lines

So the Republicans are into jobs. But wait a minute — those million-dollar donors to the super-PACs are the same guys that cut wages, cut benefits, cut pension plans totally, moved plants abroad. What makes the cheering "teabaggers" think billionaire Republican CEOs have any intention of providing a bunch of high-paying, good benefit jobs in this country? They're out to do one thing: Increase their own bottom line by paying less wages and of course less taxes. Probably their preference would be no wages, no benefits and no taxes.

PAUL SIMONS, VIA E-MAIL

Romney, you've got a honey-do list

This week Americans will be treated to the reintroduction of Mitt Romney. Every single GOP pundit has described this on all the Sunday political shows. In my humble opinion, Gov. Romney has four large issues that need to be dealt with: First, he has to reach American women on women's issues such as abortion. As governor he was pro-choice, and now he's pro-life. Second, he has to prove he is capable of leading the Republican Party by uniting the party. Third, he is now married to Paul Ryan and Ryan's baggage as a member of the "Party of NO Congress."

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Horoscope

♍ Virgo **Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** A matter that is quite meaningful to you is likely to be resolved to your advantage, yet you might still think you didn't get enough. Don't get greedy.

♎ Libra **Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** You'll think far more highly of yourself if you don't modify your views just to placate another. Be your own person at all times, and let the chips fall as they may.

♏ Scorpio **Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** When it comes to an issue that could advance your work or career, don't broadcast your intentions in advance.

♐ Sagittarius **Nov. 23-Dec. 21.** Be on guard if you are in the company of two friends who are having a disagreement, so that you're not put in the middle. Whichever side you choose will get you in trouble.

♑ Capricorn **Dec. 22-Jan. 19.** Your financial affairs could turn out favorably, provided you are prudent in the management of your funds. Don't let a good margin get out of hand.

♒ Aquarius **Jan. 20-Feb. 19.** Do not pepper your thoughts with reasons why something can't be done. Instead, focus your imagination on positive elements regarding ways to accomplish your purposes.

♓ Pisces **Feb. 20-March 20.** If you are able to separate the wheat from the chaff, this can be a productive day for you. Don't devote more time to the insignificant than to the beneficial and rewarding.

♈ Aries **March 21-April 19.** When involved in a group endeavor, single out one person who is shy and hanging back. You're the one who can get him or her to join in and enjoy what is going on.

♉ Taurus **April 20-May 20.** Although things in general are favorable for you, nothing is likely to be handed to you on a silver platter. What you get must be got by your own merit.

♊ Gemini **May 21-June 20.** By being methodical and practical, the possibilities for fulfilling your aims will be substantially enhanced. Don't let opportunities of great potential go unfulfilled.

♋ Cancer **June 21-July 22.** You must be able to recognize the difference between a good value judgment and a poor one in order to be successful. Don't waste time on that which yields sparse rewards.

♌ Leo **July 23-Aug. 22.** Although you might be inclined to think otherwise, someone with whom you're involved will be far more considerate and tolerant than you are. Look at yourself realistically.

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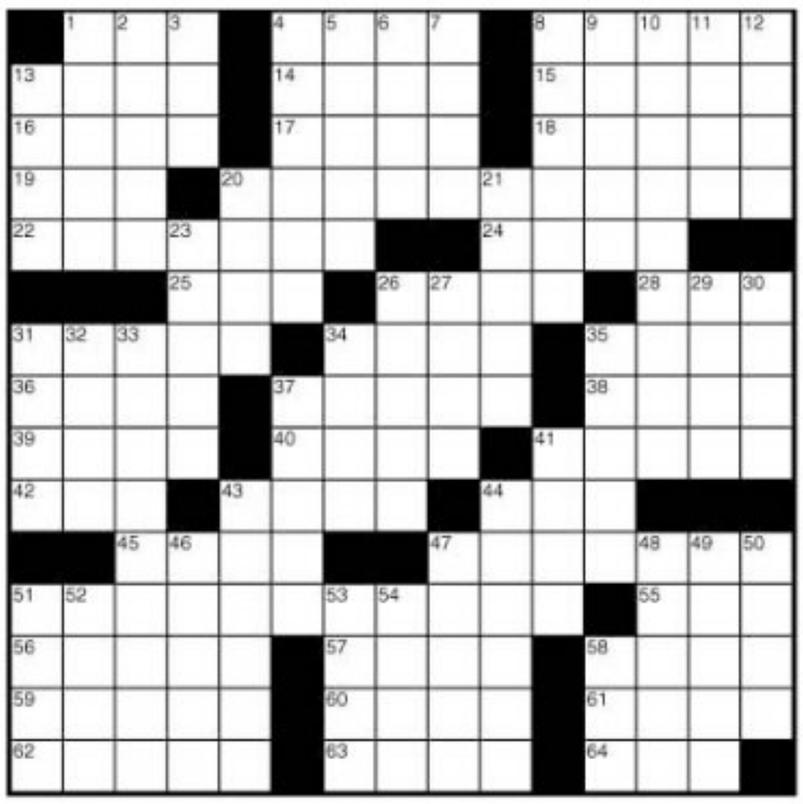

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First Printer's second draft

Brother Cleve saves the day for this great new Harvard Square spot
'Slowly but surely' transforming

When a film is in pre-production and initial feedback is poor, studios will typically bring in script doctors to revise the direction of the story. The same is sometimes true of bars and restaurants. After opening with high hopes, The First Printer, the vaguely Southern Harvard Square spot that opened in the old Herrell's space earlier this year, found itself in need of an overhaul in both the kitchen and the bar. For the latter it's enlisted the deft editing pen of Brother Cleve, the Aaron Sorkin of Boston bar menus.

Although it opened with a fine beer list and a decent enough menu, the vision wasn't being acted out believably here. Along with a new menu, Cleve says he's been giving direction on the basics of building a quality cocktail.

"That's the problem with a lot of places that try to implement a cocktail system," he says. "They just do it the same way, with people throwing stuff into cocktail glasses, shaking martinis, not using top-quality spirits. We're slowly but surely trying to change things around."

To that end, his new list features a blend of thematically appropriate classics and Cleve's trademark crate-digger spirit curation. The cocktails play off the bar's name and decor theme (this was supposedly the spot of the first printing press in America), with recipes like The Journalist and The Correspondent.

"I've got something like 300 cocktail books at home," says Cleve. "I figured I might as well exploit them somehow."

This exploitation is a bar historian's dream, pulled from the 1891 book "The Floating Bowl" and made with Pierre Ferrand 1840 Cognac, Green Chartreuse and the newly available Liqueur de Rose. Also try The Boulevardier (from "Barflies and Cocktails," 1927), a golden, lightly bitter bourbon Negroni.

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The Sage Julep

Cocktail of the week

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In a rocks glass, muddle the mint and simple syrup. Fill the glass with crushed ice and Sage. Stir and serve.

Songza playlist

Songza departure

Whether you're leaving for college, moving or just taking a trip, leaving home is always bittersweet. The playlist that you'll find at **www.songza.com/listen/leaving-home-songza** features some songs to help you on your way. Where are you going to school again? Oh, Skidmore? That's perfect, because the playlist is about four hours long and so is the drive. You'll get to hear wistful tunes both you and your folks will dig, like "I Was Young When I Left Home" by Bob Dylan, "Helplessness Blues" by Fleet Foxes and "Keep On Moving" by Bob Marley, left.

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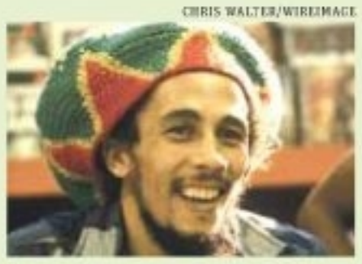

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Coming in for a Landing

Bill Brodsky's new City Landing is sure to be a hit with its earthy sophistication Try the pizzetas!

In defining chef and owner Bill Brodsky's vision at his newly opened City Landing, we might look to the banquettes for clues. Lining the walls and some interior islands, too, the upholstery pairs a fabulous lime green and white optical-illusion pattern with a plain brown that's almost the shade of dirt. It's the right amount of sophisticated playfulness anchored by earthy realism.

That goes for the food — including the separate dedicated vegan, vegetarian and gluten-free menu — too.

Brodsky tops Parmesan-bruleed spinach and ricotta dumplings with amazing poached Shimeji mushrooms, and finishes them with crisp fried artichoke sprinkles that add texture and oniony flavor. Artichoke scratchings also show up on a tender flounder crusted with a flavorful dice of tomatoes and al dente asparagus. A smattering of mustard-Champagne beurre blanc adds a tangy edge. The calf's liver with braised leeks is completed by a chunky piece of ham and a porcini-and-potato pierogi.

City Landing's pizzetas may just become legendary. A white cheesy base topped with portobellos has a great chewy crust.

Another soon-to-be rave is the "Bostonian Shrimp n' Grits," a play on Southern comfort via Massachusetts-milled cornmeal spiked with rock shrimp (surely the tastiest shrimp), roasted peppers and a touch of smoky-spicey linguica. Brodsky isn't shy when it comes to bold, rich dishes, but he knows balance. To be bold without brashness is the key here.

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Care for a snack?

City Landing takes over the original Sel de la Terre spot on Boston's Long Wharf and retains its spacious sidewalk patio overlooking the now-verdant Rose F. Kennedy Greenway. In the bar and lounge, Brodsky's "Bar Crumbs" small-plate menu adds snacks like pork belly sliders with pickled ramps and fried chicken and waffles with traditional white sawmill gravy. Did we mention how rich they are? Not the bad kind, though: Entrees range from $15 to $39.

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City Landing combines sophisticated playfulness with earthy realism — and good food.

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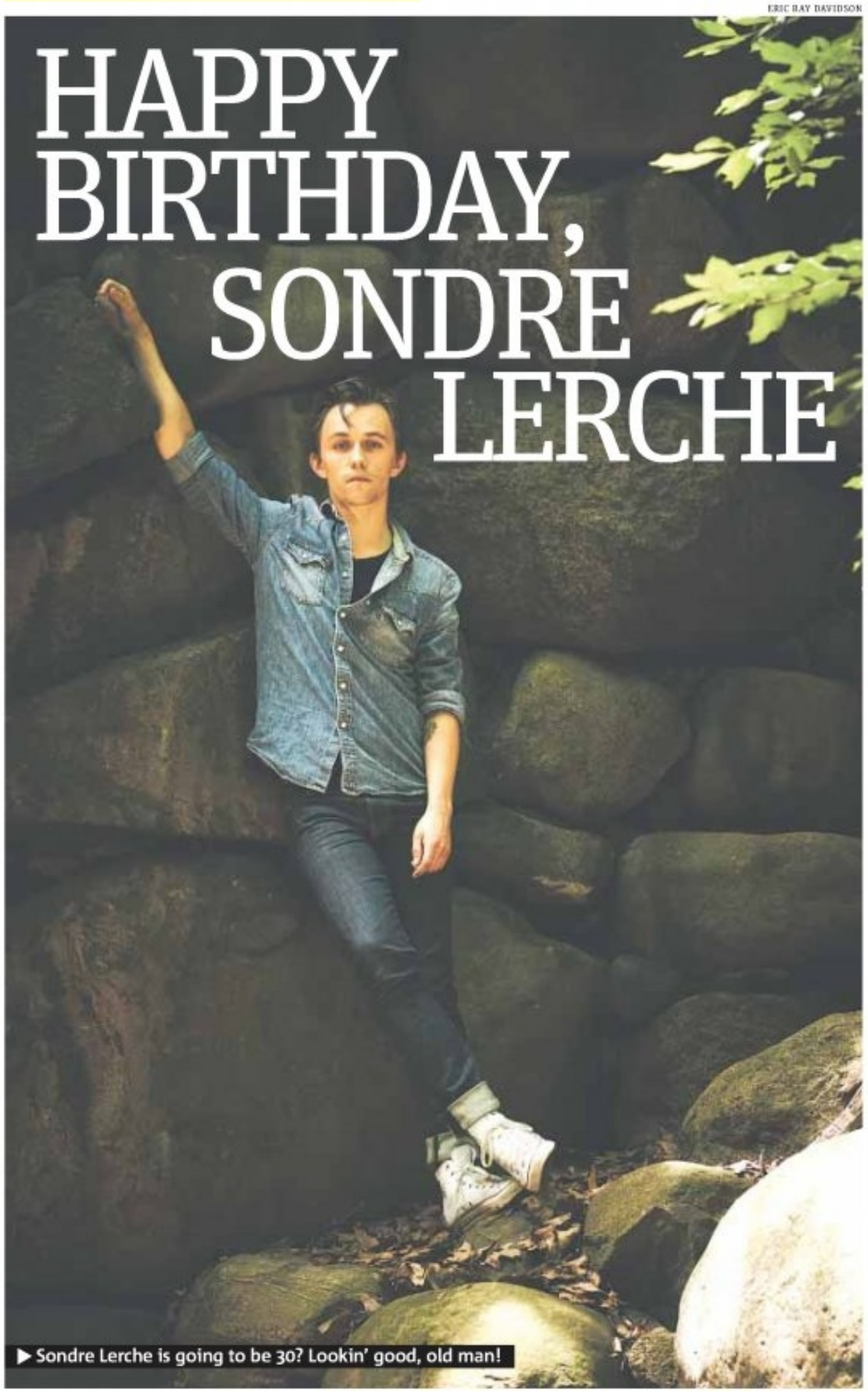
▶ Sondre Lerche is going to be 30? Lookin' good, old man!

Singer celebrates his 30th with shows and retrospective releases
'I felt 30 when I was 16,' he says

Leaving behind your 20s does something to a man. He takes stock and, if he's Sondre Lerche, releases his entire back catalog on vinyl (for the first time) and issues a live album, "Bootlegs."

Then he hits the road for a four-week retrospective tour that begins in his adopted hometown, New York City, on his 30th birthday.

"The show will be a great celebration with my audience. It feels like a natural way to celebrate it. It's what I do and how I live," says Lerche. "Maybe I'll have a party afterwards."

Then he remembers he has a show here in Boston the next night.

"I've got some schedule," he says. "Really, this tour is prolonging the celebration of my 30th birthday for a whole month."

Another neat life marker is that "Bootlegs" features recordings from his native Bergen, Norway, and various clubs in Brooklyn, where he has lived since 2005. A songbook featuring sheet music for all his songs completes his retrospective.

"The songbook took me years to do because I can't read or write music, so I had to get help from various scholarly friends. It all makes for a new and interesting way to look back at my first 10 years without putting out a boring 'best of' album."

Lerche's backing band on this tour is also the opener, Fancy Colors, which features members of Jupiter One, Of Montreal and CHAPPO.

"New musicians bring out something new," says Lerche. "Fancy Colors went back to the original recordings to learn the songs, so they are more aware of things in them that we want to hold onto, because I might have lost sight of them."

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Portrait of the artist at 30

"It feels pretty natural, 30 years. I felt 30 when I was 16. Now it feels like it makes sense. It all sort of balances out," says Lerche. "It's a birthday, something to celebrate. And 30 is a good number. I'm looking forward to it."

"New musicians bring out something new. Fancy Colors went back to the original recordings to learn the songs, so they are more aware of things in them that we want to hold onto, because I might have lost sight of them."
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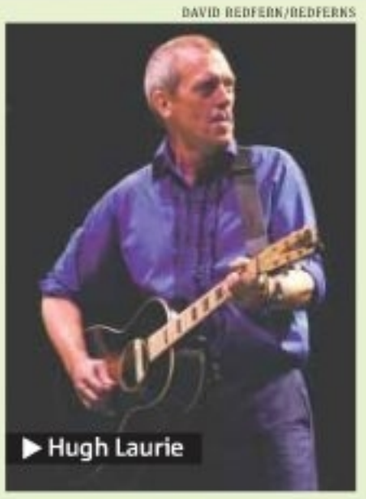
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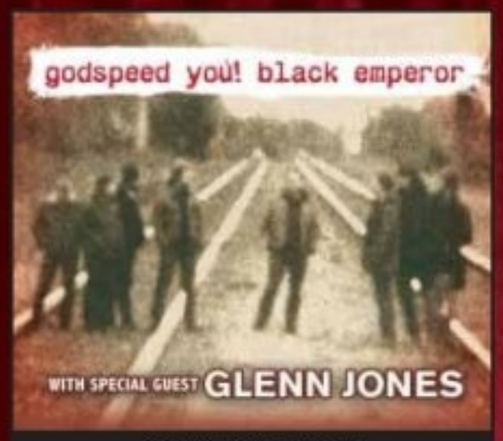

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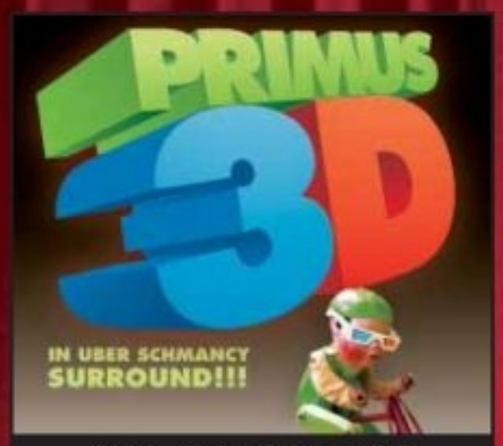

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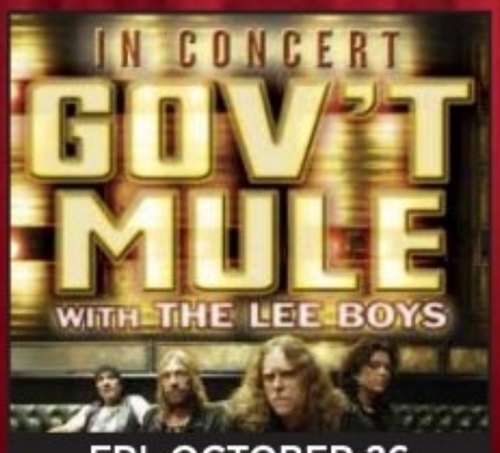

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▶ Tom Hardy takes aim in "Lawless," in theaters now.

Must-see

1 'Lawless'
Tom Hardy, Shia LaBeouf and Jessica Chastain star in this gritty Prohibition-era yarn about a trio of brothers who dominate their county's bootlegging business until a nasty new deputy (Guy Pearce) comes to put a bloody end to their business.

2 'The Possession'
Catholics have been exorcising demons for the big screen pretty regularly since "The Exorcist," but now, the Jewish people get to expel an evil spirit from a young girl who becomes obsessed with a box that contains a dibbuk — a spirit that devours a human host.

3 'Premium Rush'
"The Dark Knight Rises" co-star Joseph Gordon-Levitt takes center stage in this high-energy thriller about a bike messenger who finds he's carrying a package that everyone seems to want.

4 'The Apparition'
"Twilight" star Ashley Greene plays a student setting out to prove that the mind can conjure a ghost. She's successful at doing that, unfortunately for her.

5 'Hit and Run'
Real-life couple Dax Shepard and Kristen Bell star in this film about a reformed criminal whose bank-robbing buddies return to settle a debt.

6 'The Expendables 2'
Sylvester Stallone once again leads an all-star cast of some of the biggest action stars around in this testosterone-fueled romp about a group of mercenaries.

7 'ParaNorman'
In the tradition of quirky children's films comes "ParaNorman," a stop-motion flick about a boy who is tasked with saving his town from an undead uprising.

8 'Sparkle'
This film stars Whitney Houston — in her last performance on the big screen — as Emma, a single mother raising Sparkle (Jordin Sparks) and two other daughters who dream of stardom.

9 'The Bourne Legacy'
The "Bourne" franchise gets another installment, this time featuring budding action star Jeremy Renner.

10 'The Campaign'
Incumbent North Carolina congressman Cam Brady (Will Ferrell) receives a challenge from corporate puppet Marty Huggins (Zach Galifianakis) for re-election.

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Sox free agent targets

Upon dumping hundreds of millions of dollars worth of talent on the Dodgers, the Red Sox entered an epoch that will be defined by their ability, or inability, to balance two beasts. On one side of the scale is the need to leave behind an era of reckless spending. On the other sits the desire to remain a big player on the free agent market. It's a tricky proposition. With that in mind, here are some top free agents (not currently with the Sox) based on area of need, and the percentages that they will sign here:

Josh Hamilton, OF: He may command more than $140 million for six years. Sox fans so happy to see the big-ticket items ushered out of town might cringe if Boston goes down that path again. But Hamilton is an exceptional talent when right, and there will be a need for an outfielder. **Chances of signing**: 15 percent.

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▶ It wouldn't be shocking to see the Red Sox take a look at Nick Swisher this winter.

Zack Greinke, SP: There will be an even bigger need for starting pitching, but Greinke could shrink in a place like Boston. He's going to get money that indicates he's great, but he was just once, back in 2009. Otherwise, he's simply good, but risky and probably overpriced. **Chances of signing**: 8 percent

Nick Swisher, 1B/OF: He is making quite the contract push with an excellent second half in New York. Swisher helped transform the Yankees' clubhouse into a more positive place when he arrived in 2009 and might be worth a hefty price tag for some club. He likes hitting at Fenway, is pretty durable and is a given 25-homer guy. **Chances of signing**: 20 percent

Mike Napoli, 1B/DH/C: Take his production against the Red Sox away and Napoli is a lesser offensive player; he's hitting 1.000 with a million home runs against Boston, or something like that. Also, Napoli has struggled most of this season and is trending heavily toward a full-time DH. **Chances of signing**: 15 percent.

Michael Bourn, CF: Here's a great option if the organization makes another big leap and trades Jacoby Ellsbury. The Sox would rather go with the home-grown talent if they can. **Chances of signing**: 5 percent.

Ryan Dempster, SP: Dempster has been better in his last two starts. But at 35 and with some uncertainty as to how he'll handle AL pitching, he comes with risk. **Chances of signing**: 15 percent.

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Other targets

- **Edwin Jackson, SP:** Just 28, Jackson has already pitched for seven teams. The upside? Jackson makes 30-plus starts every year.
- **Shawn Marcum, SP:** Another former AL East guy, Marcum, when healthy, is as consistent as they come.
- **Jonathan Broxton, RP:** One of the best bullpen acquisitions at the trade deadline (Cincy got him from KC), he'll be sought-after for those looking for relief help.

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Fill-in refs remain in Week 1

If you can bet on such things, here's laying down $83 that the biggest sports storyline on Monday, Sept. 10, will be that of the atrocious job that the NFL's replacement officials did on the first full Sunday of games in Week 1.

The league is inviting an uproar to the daily conversation by refusing to work out a deal with the NFL Referees Association, which was locked out in June.

Eleven years ago, the same situation occurred, with the replacements working Week 1. A contract was hashed out prior to Week 2.

The players union, which was involved in a lockout of its own a little over a year ago, has predictably sided with the officials union. NFLPA executive director DeMaurice Smith told Sports Illustrated that the refs lockout was "absurd."

The NFL actually wants to add officials but the NFLRA says that under that plan the current official's pay would be reduced. The current officials in the NFLRA work on a part-time basis.

"The increase in the number of officials was first proposed by the NFL to the NFLRA by letter dated July 19, 2012, and had never been mentioned in the preceding 10 months of negotiations," the NFLRA said in a statement. "It is clear that this proposal is a negotiating tactic to attempt to divert attention from the real issues."

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▶ NFL replacement officials will be under fire in Week 1.

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